

I drive a truck over the road for a living. I am a XM subscriber. I was shocked and dismayed when I heard that the NAB had petitioned the FCC to stop XM from providing local content, in the form of traffic and weather. As a truck driver I travel to all 48 states which include many of the cities which XM provides traffic and weather for. This is not just nice to have but it is a valued tool to me and the hundreds of thousands of other XM subscribing truck drivers. XM's coverage is detailed, accurate and up to date. The same can not be said for the local broadcast stations. If I can find a local station, the traffic and weather reports are brief and often not correct. As a truck driver I need accurate and timely traffic. I often can't wait for the station to play another song and do 2 or 3 commercials.

I believe it would be in the NAB's best interest to work with the local broadcasters to help them improve the service they provide. I believe the NAB's money could be better spent helping their members and not filling the coffers of our congressmen.

In closing I think the FCC should reject the NAB's petition 04-160. XM is a subscriber service which I and many other truck drivers are willing to pay for because of the quality of service they provide. I believe the FCC would be doing me and many other XM subscribers a grave injustice.